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NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO HIV/AIDS PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide micro and macro nutritional supplements to people suffering from HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to introduce such supplements under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP);and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes,sir.The National AIDS Control Programme phase III (2007-2012) has a component of nutritional support for People living with HIV/AIDS on Anti Retroviral Therapy.The micro nutrient supplementation will be in the form of multi-vitamin and minerals drops/syrup/tablets adjusted for different age groups.The macro supplementation is proposed to be in the form of cereal and pulse based products based on cultural and regional dietary practices.

(c) & (d) The supplementation is already being provided in some ART centres in Tamilnadu & Andhra Pradesh on a pilot basis.